

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 822

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Cocke County High School All-State Tennessee Choir members.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those young people who, through their natural talents and extraordinary efforts, bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the citizens of this State while promoting the importance of the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, such young people deserving of our acclaim are the choir students at Cocke County High School (CCHS) who were recently named to the All-State Tennessee Choir, exceptional vocalists who have proven themselves to be the Tennessee's best; and

WHEREAS, the East Tennessee Vocal Association held virtual auditions for All-East/All-State Tennessee choirs in September 2021, with each choral director submitting three audio recordings of prepared pieces for a panel of seven vocal judges to score; and

WHEREAS, the CCHS Big Red Fire Choir had a record number of successful auditions this year, with sixteen choir members gaining placement or being named alternates in the All-East Choir; ultimately, fourteen CCHS choir members participated in the performance at Maryville College during the All-East Honors Festival weekend in November 2021; and

WHEREAS, of these fourteen All-East participants, eight had scores that allowed them to advance to the All-State Tennessee Choir, which will perform at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville in April 2022; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Choir Director Amanda Short, the members of the Big Red Fire Choir who were selected for the All-State Choir are Ally McNabb, Carly Williams, Rachel Moore, Allison Fox, Jonathan Gorman, Malachi Townsend, Faith Hammonds,

and Karlie Souder, who earned the highest score of any vocalist in East Tennessee with the Soprano 2 designation, outranking nearly 250 others who auditioned; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud these elite members of the Cocke County High School choir for their outstanding accomplishment and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Cocke County High School choir students who were selected as members of the All-State Tennessee Choir and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.